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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY ELEMENT  
AND METHOD OF FORMING ALIGNMENT  
LAYER OF THE LIQUID CRYSTAL  
ELEMENT

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Examiner: Z. Q. Qi

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION EXAMINATION**MS AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits and responsive to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, finally rejecting claims 2 and 3, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.